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## Panel to list freeway questions

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It's making a list, checking it twice and hoping that any potential South Mountain freeway impacts aren't too naughty - and maybe even nice.

The Ahwatukee Foothills Village Planning Committee decided this week to make a list of questions to ask before freeway planners build a 22-mile stretch of the 10-lane freeway along Pecos Road.

- What will happen to traffic on arterial streets if Pecos is closed to build the freeway?
- How will residents and emergency vehicles get to homes along Pecos?
- Where will bicyclists ride after Pecos becomes a freeway?
- How will schools be affected?

The questions are coming from the committee's 15 members, interest groups and residents.

Answers may come from the Phoenix streets department, the Arizona Department of Transportation, which is preparing a draft Environmental Impact Statement for the project, and the Maricopa Association of Governments, which ultimately will decide whether to fund the \$1.7 billion project.

"This is probably our biggest issue that will be in front of this village ever," said Doug Cole, chairman of the committee. "At a minimum, we need to start making a list."

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